Background

In October of 2008, the SNC Board approved a Board meeting schedule for 2009 (attached). The schedule includes meetings in June, September and December for the remainder of the current calendar year. The next Board meeting is planned for Lake Isabella in the South Subregion for June 3 and 4. The September Board meeting is being held in coordination with the Regional Council of Rural Counties in the Truckee area on September 23-24.

Current Status

As described in an earlier item, the SNC is currently not able to authorize new grants using Proposition 84 funds and it appears unlikely that this situation will change prior to the June Board meeting. Without the issue of grants awards on the agenda, the only necessary action item for June is the approval of Grants Guidelines for 2009-10. Approval of these guidelines is necessary for the SNC to be able to proceed with the grant program once the grant freeze is lifted.

Should the freeze be lifted prior to the June meeting, the Board could act on Competitive Grants originally planned for action at this meeting. In order for adequate meeting planning and public notice requirements, a decision on holding the June Board meeting should be made now or in the very near future.

Recommendation

Given that it is unlikely that the Board will be able to act on grants at the June meeting, staff recommends that the Board consider cancelling the June Board meeting and direct that the December Board meeting be held in the South Subregion. If this action is taken, delegation of authority to a committee of the Board for the purpose of approving Guidelines is also recommended and addressed in a subsequent agenda item.

June 3 & 4 South Subregion

September 23 & 24 Central Subregion

December 2 & 3 North Subregion